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1A0, SOV. MIL. ORDER OF MALTA. Activity by a station signing **1A0KM** on 20/15 meters, **June 13th**, was a **pirate**. This has now been confirmed Francesco, IK0FVC. Generally there are announcements in advance if a 1A0KM operation would take place.

ECUADOR DXPEDITION. Rick, NE8Z, will once again be returning to Ecuador for a 3 week visit from **July 5-26th**. He will be traveling to different areas in Ecuador using the following callsigns:

- **HC1MD** - QTH: **Amaguana**
- **HC1MD/HC4** - QTH: **Atacames/Pacific beach area**
- **HC1MD/HC4** - QTH: **IOTA SA056**, "La Isla" in the Esmeraldas Province Group
- **HC1MD/HC5** - QTH: **Cuenca**
- **HC1MD/HC6** - QTH: **Cotopaxi Volcano**
- **HC1MD/HC7** - QTH: **Amazon Jungle**/see the QTH & family rental resort at:
<http://www.pub4.ecua.net.ec/sierrazul/>

He will be using a Kenwood TS-50/AT-50, Heath SB-200 AMP, Cushcraft R-7 Vertical and AEA PK-232MBX for RTTY. His activity and operations will be mostly on the WARC bands CW and 20 meters RTTY. From "La Isla", IOTA SA-056, he will operate as **HC1MD/HC4** for 8 hours on either **July 22, 23 or 24th** from 1500-2300z only on 21260 or 14260 kHz SSB. John, WD8MGQ, will have full information as to which day he will activate SA-056. He can be reached daily on 14260 kHz or via E-mail at: wd8mgq@tir.com The IOTA trip will be planned according to the weather and malaria conditions in the area. All of Rick's CW/RTTY operating as **HC1MD/HC4** will be from **Atacames** on the mainland between **July 19-25**. Thanks to Bill, W8HVX, who has helped Rick set up for his first ever RTTY transmissions from Ecuador. It is suggested to watch 20 meters mainly for RTTY. Bill will have regular contact with Rick and can be reached via E-mail at: w8hvx@ismi.net -- All QSLs should go via: K8LJG, John Kroll, 3528 Craig Drive, Flint, MI 48506 USA (John E-mail address is: k8ljg@tir.com). A short story and photographs will be posted after the trip on the new Web page for the Southeast Michigan

DX Association (SEMDXA) at: <http://www.semdxa.org/>

IOTA NEWS....

- **AF-010.** Elmo, EA5BYP/3C1BC, and Vic/EA5YN/3C1PN, will be on **Bioko Island** from **June 30th to July 7th** using the callsign **3C5DX**. They plan to be active to 80-10 meters CW/SSB. The QSL via EA5BYP. ADDED NOTE: The new color QSL for 3C1GS is back from the printer. All the cards received will be answered once Elmo returns back from Malabo.
- **EU-032.** Phil, F5PHW, will be on holiday from **Re Island** and will be active as much as possible during **all of August**. Re Island also has a reference number of DIFM AT-022 (French Islands Awards). He reports that he will be active almost on CW (90 per cent) and sometimes on SSB or RTTY. If asked, he will QSY to SSB or RTTY when possible at any moment. He states EU-032 is not very rare, but has made around 5000 QSOs since 1991. Activity will be 80-10 meters using the callsign **F5PHW/P**. Phil may also be active in the **IOTA Contest** (if his boss lets him!) as a Mono Op 12 or 24 hour CW entry. QSL via F5PHW, bureau or direct to the address: Berger Phil, 19 Rue de L'Embellie, 56100 Lorient, France (Only to this address. Address in CBA not available).
- **EU-039.** The Belgian DX Pediton Committee will head to this rarely activated French Island called **Chausey Islands** to take part in the next **IOTA Contest** on **July 25-26th**. The Chausey Islands also has a reference number DIFM MA-004. The Belgian team will be composed of ON1KSZ/Stef, ON1MCT/Phil, ON4LAM/Mike, ON4LCW/Maxime, ON5PV/Phil, ON5OO/Jack, ON6QR/Fred, ON7LX/Carine, ON7PC/Pierre, ON7RN/Eric, ON7TK/Claude. They will be using the callsign **TM5T**. Because of the special regulation of this Island and the prohibition of any tent or camping, they had to receive permission to use an official building and the use of poles and beams. Two stations will be set up, one running and one multiplier station both connected to beams, verticals and dipoles during the 24 hours of the contest. They will be operating both CW and SSB on the 5 bands during the contest. The QSL Manager is ON4GO/Mike. Before and after the contest, listen near the IOTA frequencies and on the WARC bands. Also, look for **F/ON4LCW** during **July**. He will activate a lot of little islands from the Chausey archipelago counting for the French islands award DIFM. For more information, contact Fred, ON6QR, via E-mail at: on6qr@ping.be Or check out the Belgian DX Pediton Committee's Web page at: <http://www.ping.be/on6qr/>
- **EU-123.** The Ayr Amateur Radio Group is going to be active from the Lighthouse on **Ailsa Craig** in the Firth of Clyde (IOSA CL-5). Activity will be from 0900z until 1830z on Saturday, **July 18th**, with the callsign **GS0AYR/P**. Activity will be on all bands with three stations. QSL via GM0JHF.
- **NA-062.** Dave, KF8TM, will be active from Florida Keys (**Cudjoe Key**) **July 20-30th**. He will be active on 40-10 meters CW as **KF8TM/4**. Dave will also participate in the **IOTA Contest** as a 24 hour CW entry. He will be using a TS-450, AL811 and R-7000.
- **NA-067.** Jon, WB8YJF, will be active from **Ocracoke Island**, N.C., from **July 25th to August 1st**. Activity will include the **IOTA contest**. This island also has a reference number of USI NC-001S (United States Islands Award). Operations will be on CW, RTTY, and some SSB. QSL via his home call: Jon Severt/WB8YJF, 5586 Babbitt Rd., New Albany, OH 43054. His E-mail address is: wb8yjf@juno.com
- **NA-128.** Joe, VE2CY, will be active from **Ile Aux Coudres** from **July 13 to 23rd**,

during his vacation. People can set up a schedule by E-mailing his home address:
willis@writeme.com

KH4, MIDWAY ISLAND. The "DX News Sheet" reports that Ted, NH6YK, will be active again about **August 1-15th**, as **KH4/NH6YK** while visiting his XYL who is stationed here. Activity will be on HF and 6 meters. More information is to follow. QSL via home call.

LA, NORWAY. Ulli, DL2HEB, reports that he will be active between **July 19th and August 3rd** from Norway and some Norwegian islands with his QRP-Rig using the callsign **LA/DL2HEB/p**. Operations will be only CW and possibly some Amtor/Pactor. He will also take part in the **IOTA Contest**, probably from **Gurskoy** or **Hareidland islands** (both in **EU-079**, that is the Soroyane Group).

NOT ZS8, PRINCE EDWARD & MARION ISLANDS! Ed, ZS6Y, informs OPDX a lot of individuals are getting the impression that ZS80NRM is operating from ZS8-land. He is NOT. Ed is operating from the Republic of South Africa.

OOOPPPSS! Last week we mentioned Mark as ON5WW, this was wrong. Mark, who was active as **S07WW** this week is **ON4WW**, not ON5WW.

P4, ARUBA. The Aruba IARU Member HQ Station (SA, ITU Zone 11, IOTA **SA-036**), will be active during the **1998 IARU HF Contest** weekend **July 11-12th**. The callsign **P43R** will be active on all bands SSB/CW, and a special QSL card will be printed for the 1998 IARU HF Contest. QSL via P43ARC or Bureau.

POLAR BEAR DX-PEDITION 98. Operators Aldo/VE3IMR/VA3AG, John/VE3VGI, Paul/VE3KBL, Garry/VE3XN, Bob/VE3LLE, Don/VE3UNA, Doug/VE3BKR, Craig/VE3CIJ, Lyle/VA3DXE and George/VE3INB will start a DXpedition on Sunday, **August 18th**, 2230z, at Toronto Union Station. They will be operating from the Ontario Northland Railway's "Northlander" under the callsign **XM3PBX**. They will operate until they arrive in Cochrane, Ontario. They will then transfer XM3PBX to the ONR's Polar Bear Express to Moosonee. Once they arrive in Moosonee, they will setup **XM3PBX** at the ONR's **Moosonee train station** and operate from there. Two from the group will move their gear to the **Moose Factory Museum** and operate a station from there under the callsign **CH3HBC/325** to celebrate the **325th anniversary of Moose Factory**. The Moose Factory station will be operated by Bob/VE3LLE and Lyle/VA3DXE as the main operators with some help from the rest of the group. John/VE3VGI and Aldo/VE3IMR/VA3AG will be flying up to **Charlton Island** to operate an IOTA island under the callsign of either **VE8C** or **VE8I**. The call hasn't been determined yet. There is also a fourth station, **CI3XXV**, that will operate from various freshwater islands (weather permitting) under the callsign **CI3XXV/25** and maritime mobile **CI3XXV/MM** from the **M.V. Polar Princess** out of **Moosonee**. This will continue until Saturday, **August 22nd**, when all stations except XM3PBX and CH3HBC/325 will cease operation. CH3HBC/325 will continue to be active **until the end of August**, being run by local hams, Paul/VE3KBL and Craig/VE3CIJ. On Saturday, **August 22nd**, they will leave Moosonee on the Polar Bear Express operating **XM3PBX** as they travel southbound until they reach the final destination at which time the Polar Bear DXpedition will cease all operations. They intend to operate on 40, 20, 15, 6 and 2 meters. For updates, check out the Polar Bear 98 Web site at:
<http://webhome.idirect.com/~galati/>

QSL INFO AND NEWS....

- **K8OU ADDRESS.** Those looking for the QSL address for the **FO0MAC** and **FO0PAP**, here it is: EIDX Network (Trustee K8YSE), 4910 Royalton Rd., North Royalton, OH 44133-4049
- **Argentina postage rates UP.** Alberto, LU1DZ, reports that effective June 13, 1998, International Postage Rates have been raised in Argentina. Now it requires 1 U.S. green stamp to send mail to the boundary countries, 1.25 U.S. green stamps to other American destinations and 1.50 U.S. green stamps to other parts in the world. So, one green stamp is no longer enough. Please note the change....!!! Alberto also states that the the LU1ZC QSLs are coming soon....!!!
- **KH0/AF4FL QSL ROUTE.** Ray, W8CNL, reports he is receiving cards for KH0/AF4FL. He is not the QSL manager for KH0/AF4FL. QSL via **home call sign**.

SPECIAL EVENT. Commemorating the **2nd National Olympic Games**, the **Worlds Lithuanian Sports Games** and **National Folk Festival** from **June 22nd to July 6th**, a number of LY stations will be using the special prefix **LY98**. Some stations already active are: **LY98BA, LY98DR, LY98DT, LY98FW, LY98TX** and **LY98TZ**. QSL LY98DR via LY1DR, Saulius Zalnerauskas, Box 922, Kaunas, 3005, Lithuania. QSL LY98TZ via LY2TZ. QSL LY98BA via LY3BA: Gediminas Lucinskas, P.O.Box 34, LT-5280 Birzai, Lithuania.

T8, BELAU. Hide, JM1LJS, will be active as **T88LJ** between **July 26th and August 2nd**. Activity will be mainly on: CW 7008 and 10104 kHz and SSB 3840 kHz. QSL via home call.

TL5, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC. Alex, PA3DZN, recently became active from **Bangui** as **TL5A**. He will be active on 160-6 meters, CW, SSB & RTTY. QSL via PA3DMH: Alex van Hengel, Schoener 85, 2991JK Barendrecht, The Netherlands. Also, QSL is OK via bureau. Log Search is available at: http://www.igr.nl/users/pa3dmh/logs/log_search.html and will be updated on a regular basis.

VK9, WILLIS ISLANDS. Look for Graeme, VK5GW, to be active as **VK9WG** for the **next six months beginning July**. QSL via home call.

ZA, ALBANIA. Luis, EA5KY, will be traveling to **Lac**, 50 km north of Tirana, **July 3-18th**, and will be active as **ZA/EA5KY**. He is setting up an amateur radio station for the Franciscans missionaries. He mentions this isn't a Dxpedition. Geni, ZA1B, states he will not have problems working as ZA/EA5KY. Luis will try to be active on all bands 80-10 meters on his free time. His equipment is a TS-50 and dipoles. Suggested frequencies are:

- **SSB** - 14190, 18145, 21195, 24960 and 28490
- **CW** - 14020, 18075, 21055, 24895 and 28020
- **RTTY** - 10105 kHz

There may be 80 meters activity if conditions are good. QSL via EA4URE, bureau or direct. They will be answered at the end of his activity.

ZL8, KERMADEC ISLANDS. Bob, ZL1RS, reported earlier in the week that "Everything is going to plan, and later this week I am departing for **Raoul Island** (Kermadec group)." By the

time you read this, Bob should be operating between his work commitments from Raoul **until July 15th**. He states, "I'll TRY to get on as much as I can ... especially nearer the end of the trip when my work will be finished." Watch out for **ZL8RS** mainly on SSB, with a little (slow) CW on 160 and 30 meters. Lee, ZL2AL, has kindly loaned Bob a laptop computer so there will be some RTTY. Also, Bob finished building a compact 8877 amplifier to take along. He states, "Please note that the generator power supply is SUPPOSED to be off from 1100z to 1900z. There is nothing I can do about that. Any operation between these hours will be battery powered and "QRP". Bob provides the following POSSIBLE operating frequencies and times (all subject to change due to his work schedule):

- **160 meters** - CW on 1828 (RX up 2 khz and higher for JA). Listen for his CQ at 0505z (ZL8 sunset) and 1845z (ZL8 sunrise at 1850z) for 10 minutes. There will be an announcement of moves to 160m from the higher bands to call CQ for 5 to 10 minutes periodically between 0700z and 1100z.
- **80-10 meters** - SSB on or near the usual DX frequencies, around 0700z to 1100z initially, other times as work allows, particularly at the end of the trip and on any "days off" that he manages to have.
- **30 meters** - CW on 10120 kHz. Remember SLOW CW. (Patience/tolerance!!)
- **10-6 meters** - 29495 and 50110 kHz. He will leave the radio running in the background WHEN he is working inside during the day. A CW CQ beacon on 50110 kHz is likely, break in on SSB or CW.

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